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This Interview Summary is being provided to meet the deadline imposed by the Office to meet Applicant's obligation to timely submit a record of the substance of an interview which took place on January 28, 2004. It is not intended as a response to the substance of the Office Action mailed February 5, 2004. Such response will be forthcoming in a separate submission.

The undersigned wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview which took place on January 28, 2004 regarding this Application. This interview took place with the undersigned after the filing of the Amendment mailed November 12, 2003, after Examiner Yang had the opportunity to review the Amendment.

The undersigned offered to discuss the Amendment to clarify the arguments made in the Amendment regarding the patentability of particular claims. The Examiner, however, agreed that the arguments presented in the Amendment overcame the prior art cited in the Office Action

mailed July 11, 2003. In view of this agreement, no further discussion of the arguments was pursued. The Examiner indicated that a further search would be performed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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